for admission to under-graduate courses in Colleges as regular students subject to minimum age limit of 17 years.

The University of Delhi has informed that 57613 students who have passed Senior Secondary and equivalent examination (Class-XII) from Delhi with 40 per cent or above marks are eligible for admission to various under-graduate courses. As against this, the University has an intake capacity of 55.386 for admission to undergraduate courses. Out of these 29,076 seats are available in Colleges, 3510 seats in Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board and 22,800 in the School of Correspondence Courses and Continuing Education. In addition, the UGC has accepted the proposals of the University of Delhi for introduction of various new Courses in Delhi Colleges w.e.f. academic session 1990-91 with total intake capacity of about 875 students. The University of Delhi has informed that in order to meet the growing demand for admission, two new Colleges, one at Karampura in West Delhi with a capacity of 300 seats and the other at Shahdara in East Delhi with capacity of 180 seats, are to be started by Delhi Administration in the current academic year.

As several students apply for admission to more than one course and in more than one college simultaneously and the process of admission is still on, the number of students who have applied for admission and the number who have not been able to obtain admission cannot be stated precisely. However, the University has indicated that it should be in a position to absorb practically all the eligible candidates.

The position regarding percentage of SC/ST students admitted against the quota reserved for them, is being ascertained and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Plan to establish cantonment in Badharwah in Doda District at J&K

139. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to establish a cantonment at Badharwah in Doda District of the Jammu and Kashmir or at any other place in the Jammu region for security reasons;

(b) if so, the progress made in the matter and whether the land required for the purpose has been earmarked; and

(c) by when the actual work on it is likely to commence and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) There is a proposal to set up a Military Station at Badharwah in District Doda of J&K.

(b) The land required for the purpose has been ear-marked. As the State Government has given conditional 'No Objection Certificate' for the acquisition of land, they have been asked to give unconditional 'No Objection Certificate'.

(c) The actual work will commence after the possession of the land is taken over by Ministry of Defence.

Affiliation of private schools to the secondary schools

140. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is Government's policy to affiliate private schools to the secondary schools more freely; and

(b) if not, in what manner Government propose to reduce the pressure for admissions in the schools?